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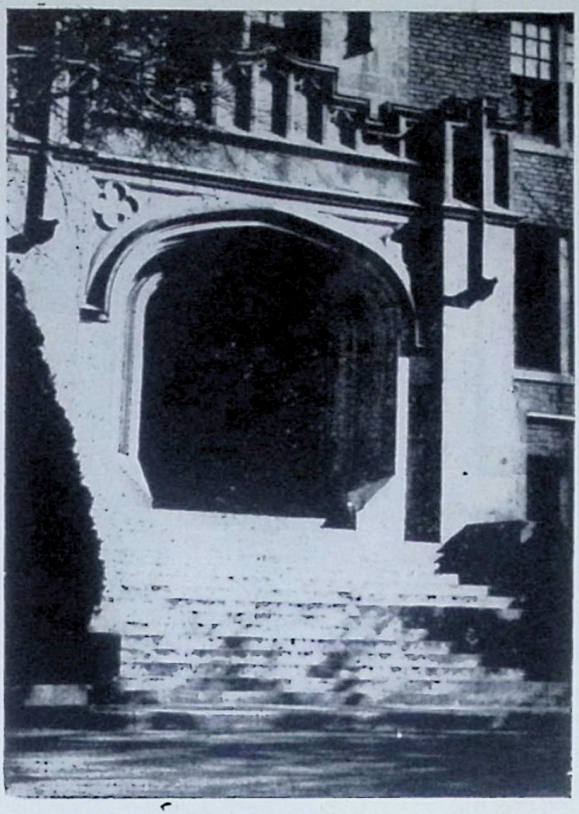
Class of 1953

Oklahoma
School for the Deaf
Sulphur, Oklahoma

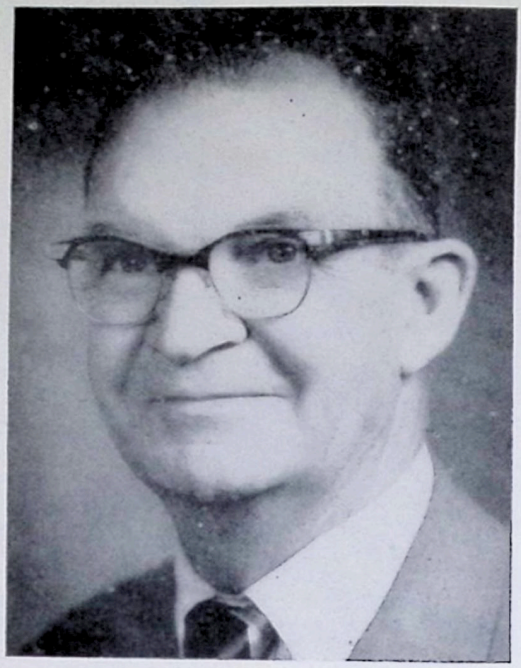
Steps Etched In Our Hearts!



We have broken our bread together and now we part,
We have broken the bread of the mind and the bread of the heart,
We may never meet again till another star,
But we shall be friends together wherever we are.

This is no time for lamenting, no moment for sighs,
Let us trust and be glad, see the truth in each other's eyes,
Let us smile as we wave farewell where the long road bends,
Let us sing to the vow that makes us forever friends.—Edwin Markham.

Dedication



ERNEST RAY RHODES

The Class of 1953 wishes to pay fitting tribute to a person who has always "lived in a house by the side of the road and been a friend to man"—such a person is

ERNEST RAY RHODES

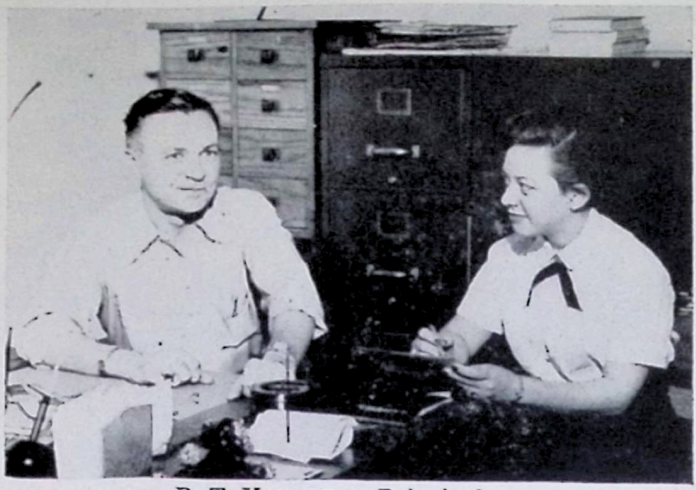
who has built for himself a warm and lasting place in our hearts and in whose honor we gratefully dedicate this, our annual.

The Halls

The Superintendent, his Missus, and the Little Lady who rules them both.

TOMMY, ROY, and DORIS ANN

Administration



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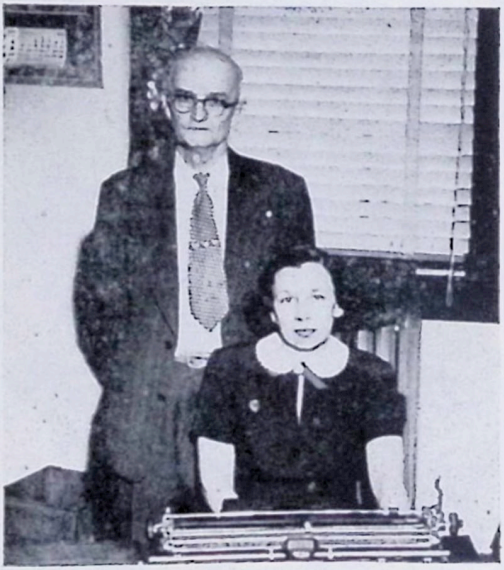
MARGIE ALLEN, *Secretary*



HENRY GEORGE, *Steward*
FREIA PEAK, *Executive Secretary*

Meet the Seniors!

JAMES LOYD ALLEN

Spencerville

Leathercraft, seven years; Host and Hostess club, five years; Boy Scouts, four years; O Lettermen club, two years; Hunting and Fishing club, one year; Outdoor club, one year; football, three years, wrestling, four years; track, four years.

Outstanding Boy, 1952-1953.

GERALD EDWIN BOCK

Roosevelt

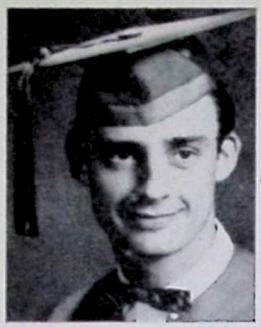
Tailoring department, eight years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O Lettermen club, two years; Photography club, one year; football, three years; basketball, four years; track, four years.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Class of 1953; Treasurer of the O Lettermen club, 1952-1953.

ED ALLEN BROWN

Manteca, California

Tailoring department, three years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O Lettermen club, two years; football, four years; basketball, four years; baseball four years; track, four years.



Clyde Joseph Clark

Tulsa

Tailoring department, five years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O Lettermen club, two years; football, four years; track, four years; basketball, three years; wrestling, one year.

President of Christian Endeavor, 1952-1953.

Kenneth Dale Coleman

Tulsa

Printing department, five years; Host and Hostess club, two years; Hobby club, two years; Boy Scouts, two years; O Lettermen club, two years; football, three years; track, four years; wrestling, three years.

President of the O Lettermen club, 1951-1952 and 1952-1953; Reporter of the Class of 1953; Outstanding Boy, 1950-1951.

Edwin Herman Duncan

El Reno

Tailoring department, seven years; Host and Hostess club, one year; Boy Scouts, two years; O Lettermen club, two years; Hobby club, two years.

Virena Louise Etchieson

Antlers

Tailoring department, three years; Host and Hostess club, three years; Big Sister club, two years; Dancing club, one year; Pep club, two years; basketball, two years.

President and cheerleader of the Pep club, 1952-1953; President of the Big Sister club, 1952-1953; Football Queen, 1952.

Adrenna Hill

Tulsa

Home Economics, six years; Sewing, six years; Nature club, two years; Sub Deb club, one year; Future Homemakers of America, one year; Archery club, one year; Host and Hostess club, two years; basketball, two years; Physical Education, one year.

President of the Host and Hostess club, 1952-1953.

Carl Edward Russell

Collinsville

Printing department, four years; Host and Hostess club, two years; O Lettermen club, two years; Outdoor club, two years; Photography club, one year; football, four years; track, one year; basketball, one year.

ROBERT ELMER SOUTHWELL

Oklahoma City

Woodworking department, seven years; Host and Hostess club, three years; O Lettermen club, two years; football, three years; basketball, four years; baseball, three years.

President of the Class of 1953; Vice President of the O Lettermen club, 1952-1953; Captain of the football team, 1952.

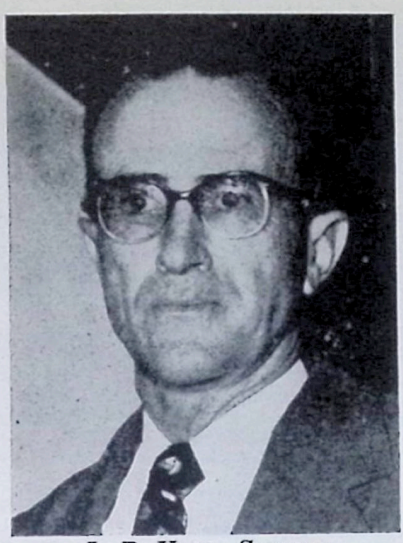
DOROTHY ANN STAHMER

Enid

Printing department, three years; Host and Hostess club, five years; Sub Deb club, two years; Future Homemakers of America, three years; Photography club, one year; basketball, three years.

Vice President of the Class of 1953; Outstanding Girl, 1950-1951 and 1952-1953.

Sponsors



L. B. HALL, *Sponsor*

JUDY SMITH, *Co-Sponsor*

Thumbnail Prophecy of the Members of the Class of 1953

By Dale Coleman

This is the prophecy that came to me in a dream one evening—the members of the Class of 1953, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, flashed by in such rapid sequence that I was able to get only this picture of them as they appeared in the year 1965. Watch:

JAMES ALLEN: he was the pride of the New York police force. His record showed he had arrested over 10,000 criminals; he had so many medals that they added 50 pounds to his weight when he wore them all. He was married and the father if ten boys and girls.

GERALD BOCK: he was Dorothy's henpecked husband; he drove to work in a Cadillac and came home in a Lincoln, then vice versa the next day. His sons were famous basketball players, and he had a pet monkey that he had trained to high jump 18 feet 7 inches.

ED BROWN: he was chief crooner for the Merritt Orchestra. When he sang over television, bullfrogs all over the nation hopped out of ponds and were killed by happy hunters. He was sad because all of his children were girls, six in all!

CLYDE CLARK: he was a famous hair stylist for women; his wife was jealous because all the Hollywood movie stars came to him for hairdoes. Once she chased him up Main street with a rolling pin and he ran the 440-yard block in 22.3 seconds. He lighted all his cigars with five dollar bills.

DALE COLEMAN: he finally married Myrlene Wilkinson and they started a women's dress shop in Tulsa. Both liked algebra, so their children were named A, B, C, X, Y, Z. Dale weighed 275 pounds and had the habit of eating six meals a day.

EDWIN DUNCAN: he was president of the Duncan Baby Sitting and Housecleaning Company, with 3,453 people working for him. He had been married and divorced four times.

VIRENA ETCHIESON: she was housekeeping for her husband and seven children; she baked six pies every day for them. She was very fat. She had learned to take naps while standing up.

ADRENNA HILL: she was running a Love Letter Shop. She would write love letters for bashful persons. She was not married as a result of her heartbreak due to the smashup of her thrilling schoolday romance.

CARL RUSSELL: he was making $300 a week sleeping 24-hours a day in the window of the Forever Rest Mattress company. His beard was longer than Rip Van Winkle's.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL: he was an oil producer with about twenty wells working for him. He gave OSD $1,000,000 for athletics and every year all-america football players were given Cadillacs by him. Married, with seven children.

DOROTHY STAHMER: she was kept busy running all over her 640-acre farm trying to find Gerald to get him to work. Her hair was silvery from worry about that tall husband. She had forgotten how to shrug her shoulders, a trick she excelled in at OSD.

My dream ended here. The Class of 1953 was doing all right, so I turned over and went back to sleep.

Class Will

We, the members of the Class of 1953, Oklahoma School for the Deaf, being fairly sound of mind desire to make and publish this as our Class Will and Testimony:

We leave to the school and all her people our love and gratitude.

We leave to the junior class our ability to get things done.

James Allen leaves his laundry work to Ernest Irvin.

Gerald Bock leaves some of his height to Gordon Loftis.

Ed Brown leaves his frog-note voice to Jimmy Jackson.

Clyde Clark leaves his hair dressing neatness to Pat Ferguson.

Dale Coleman leaves his ability with algebra to Myrlene Wilkinson.

Edwin Duncan leaves his home cleaning skill to Doyle Dye.

Virena Etchieson leaves her queenly ways to Joyce Merritt.

Adrenna Hill leaves her love notes to Lou Braden.

Carl Russell leaves his sleepiness to Bobby Dorrell.

Robert Southwell leaves his ability as a carpenter to his brother Wayne.

Dorothy Stahmer leaves her shoulder shrug to Wanda Wood.

(Signed)

James Allen

Gerald Bock

Ed Brown

Clyde Clark

Edwin Duncan

Dale Coleman

Virena Etchieson

Adrenna Hill

Carl Russell

Robert Southwell

Dorothy Stahmer

JUNIOR CLASS

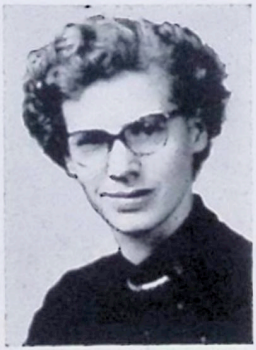
First row - left to right—Myrlene Wilkinson, Evelyn Burnes, Wanell Harger, Lavern Brown, Lou Braden and Betty Brakebill.

Second row - left to right—Sponsor Eldon Davis, Jimmy Landrith, Leonard Hull, Albert Huffman, Billy Bloss, Bob Pryor and Co-Sponsor Robert Fleming.

Third row - left to right—Wilson Mann, Bobby Dorrell, Billy Gregory, Ernest Irvin and Drillis Anderson.

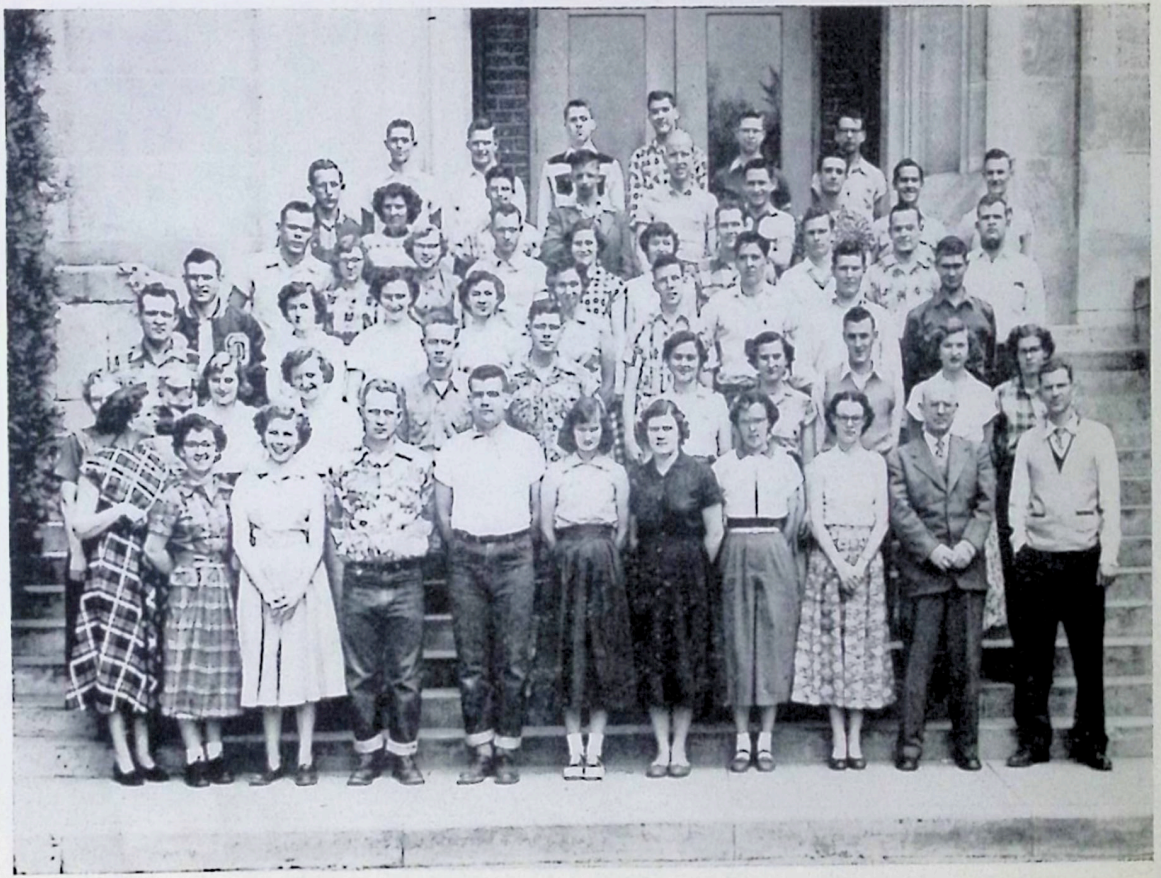
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS 1952 - 53

JAMES ALLEN

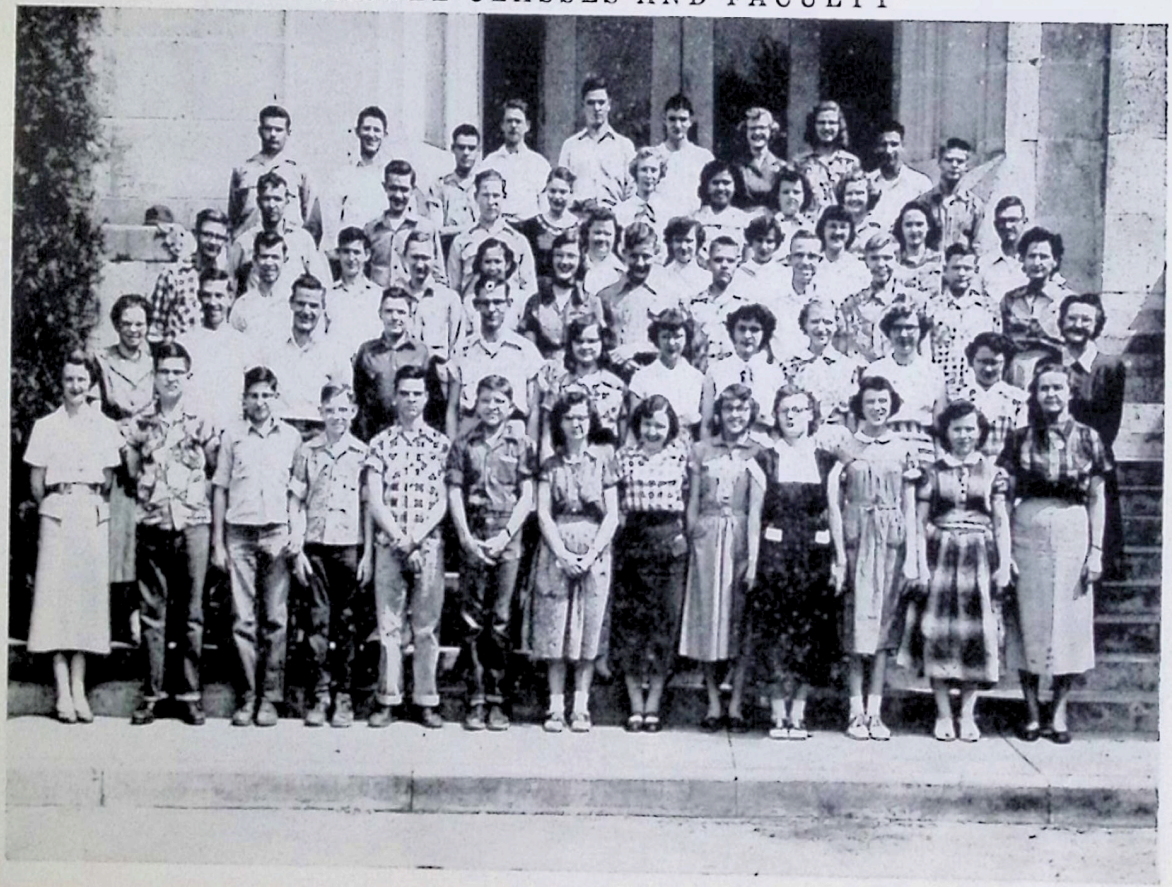


DOROTHY STAHMER

UPPER CLASSES AND FACULTY



MIDDLE CLASSES AND FACULTY



LOWER CLASSES AND FACULTY

THE ACADEMIC CLASSES IN ACTION

Upper left—Upper III studies Personal Problems

W. T. GRIFFING, teacher

Middle left — Upper II oral, on English assignment

IRENE DANNER, teacher

Lower left—Upper II manual, with science

KENNETH NORTON, teacher

Lower right — Beginners using hearing aids

HELEN SLOVER, teacher

THE ACADEMIC CLASSES IN ACTION

Upper right—Middle II doing arithmetic

TOMMY HALL, teacher

Middle right—Middle I having fun with language

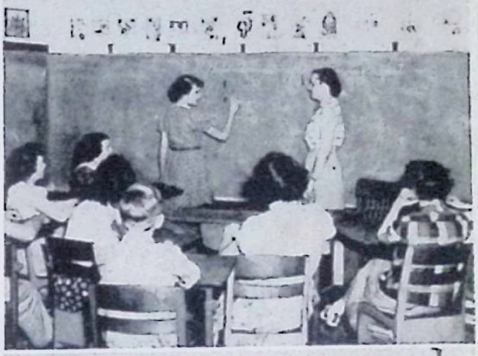
JEWELL BENNETT, teacher

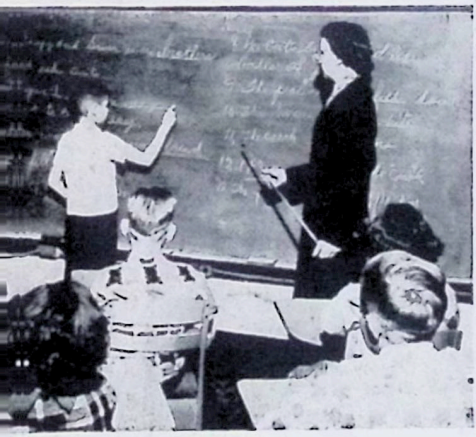
Lower right—Middle III solving arithmetic

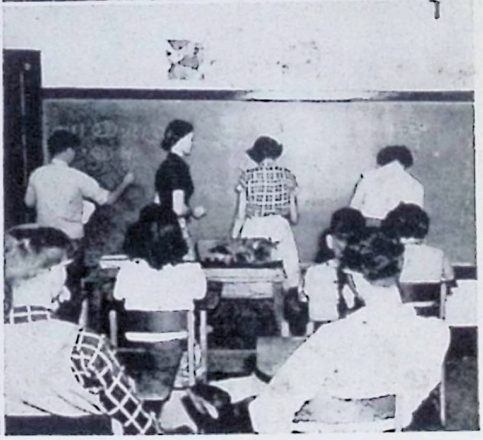
JUDY SMITH, teacher

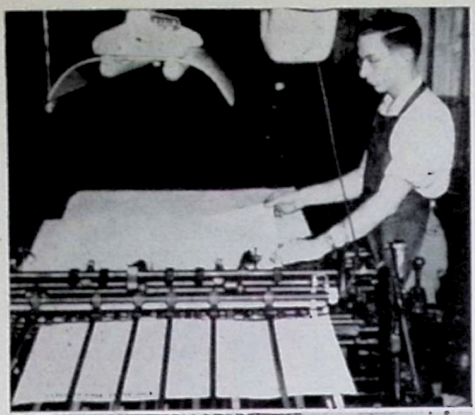
Lower left — Lower IV working with language

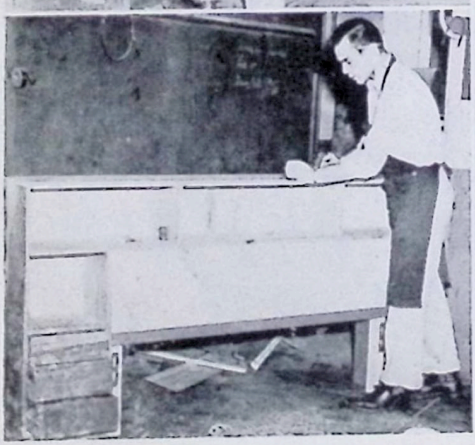
FLOSSIE COLLEY, teacher

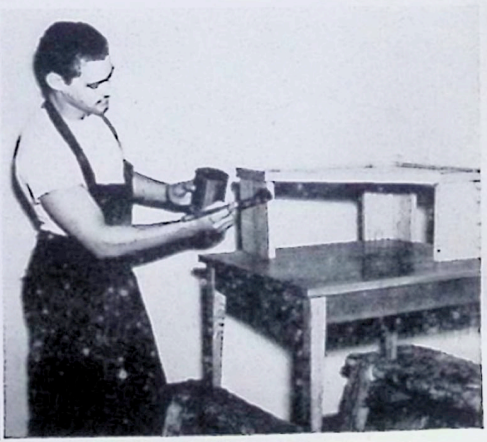












THE VOCATIONAL CLASSES IN ACTION

Graphic Arts—

Upper left — Coleman feeding cylinder press

Middle left—Hargis and Penny doing job work

G. H. DAVIES, Instructor

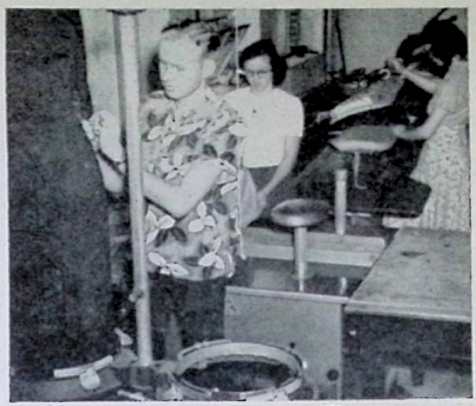
Woodworking—

Lower left—R. Southwell making his bedroom suite

Lower right—Anderson finishing a desk

E. R. RHODES, Instructor

THE VOCATIONAL CLASSES IN ACTION

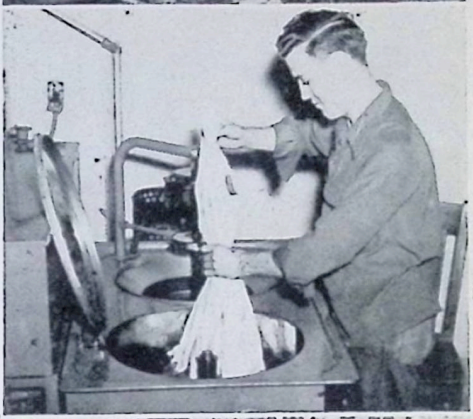


Cleaning and Pressing—

Upper right—Bock inspecting a garment

Middle right—Duncan doing dry cleaning

R. G. FLEMING, Instructor

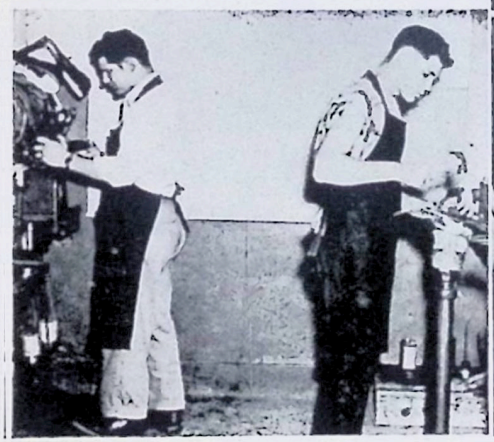


Leathercraft—

Lower right — Allen making a pair of boots

Lower left—Irvin and Adkisson doing shoerepairing

ELDON DAVIS, Instructor



THE VOCATIONAL CLASSES IN ACTION

Dressmaking—

Upper left—Wilson, Lemmings and Perry at machines

Middle left—Brown cutting out her dress

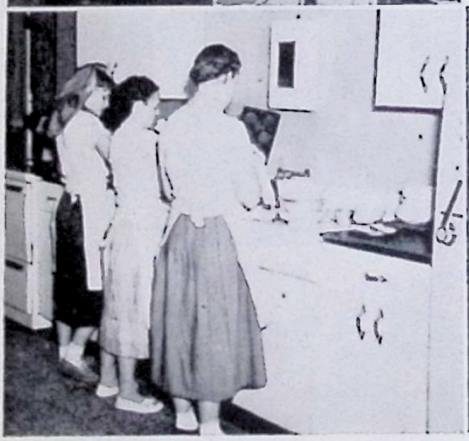
MARY McDANIEL, Instructor

Foods—

Lower left—Thurber, Huitt and Self making cakes

Lower right — Hill operating automatic washer

LE NORA HUDSON, Instructor



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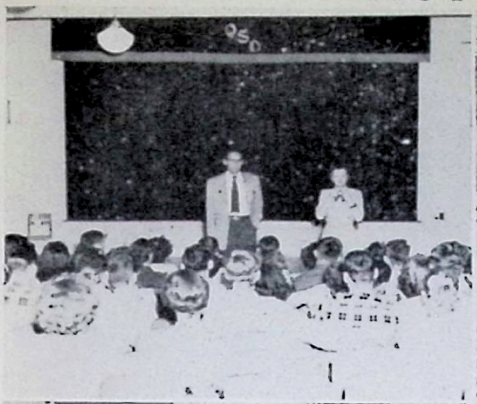
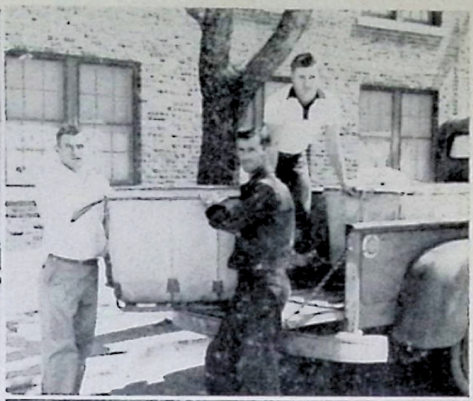
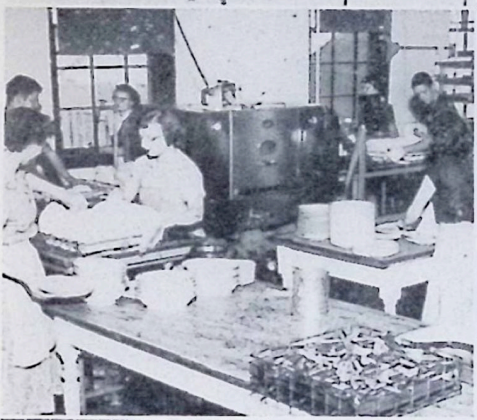
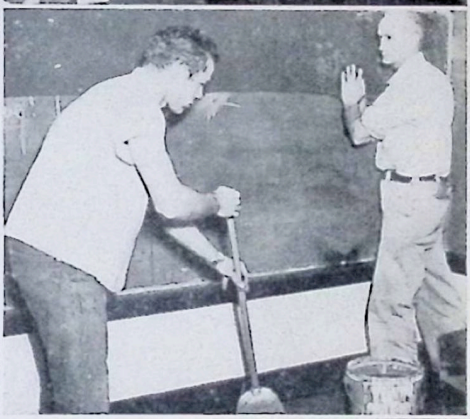






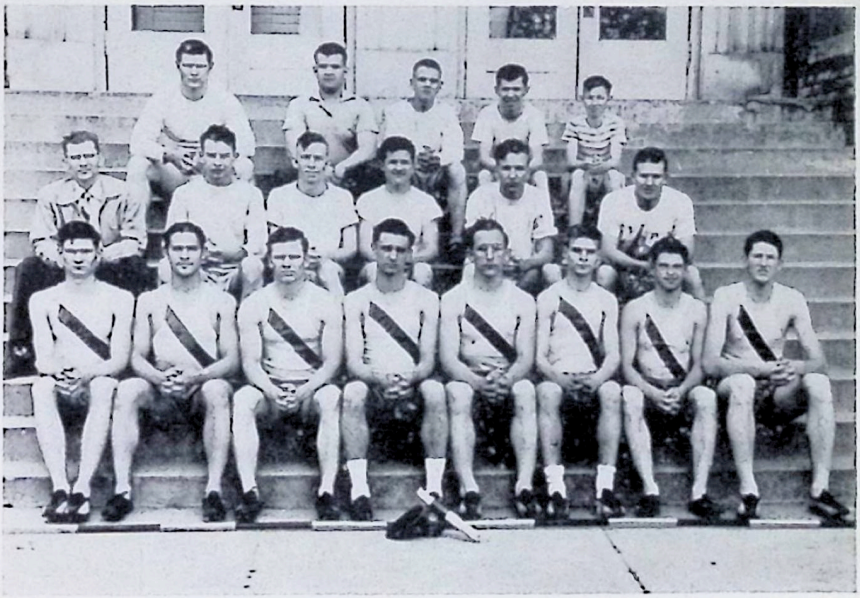


ATHLETICS

1952 National Champions of American Schools for the Deaf
Kenneth Norton, Coach and Robert Fleming, Assistant

The Queen and Attendants

Our Baseball Squad — Robert Fleming, Coach

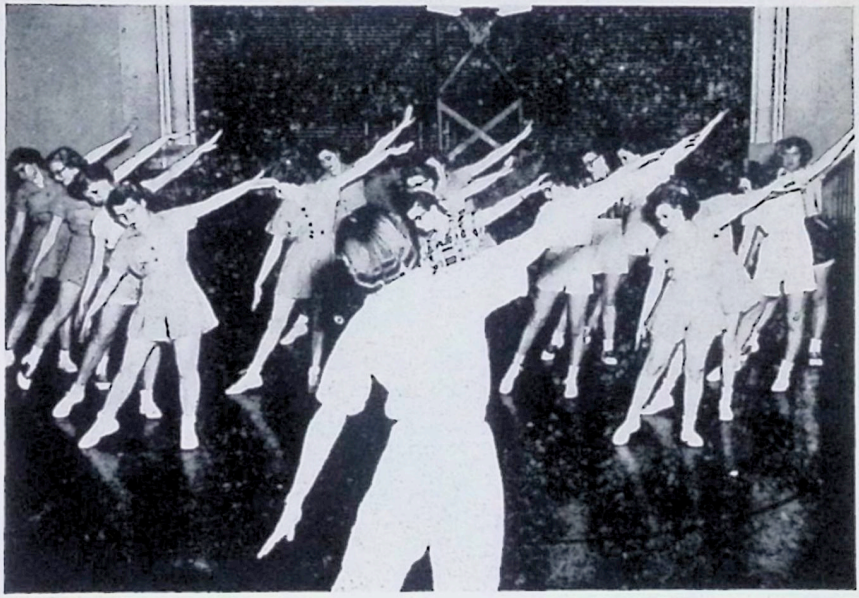


Our Track Team — Kenneth Norton, Coach

Our Varsity Girls — J. D. Hilley, Coach

Our Junior Girls — Judy Smith, Coach

Our Wrestlers — Kenneth Norton, Coach



Girls' Physical Education — Retta Youngers, Director

Basketball Team 1952 - 1953 — Robert Fleming, Coach

Murray County Junior Champions — Robert Fleming, Coach

Oklahoma Seniors at Gallaudet College

BILLIE PARMAN, *Elk City*

RAYMOND KOLANDER, *Shattuck*

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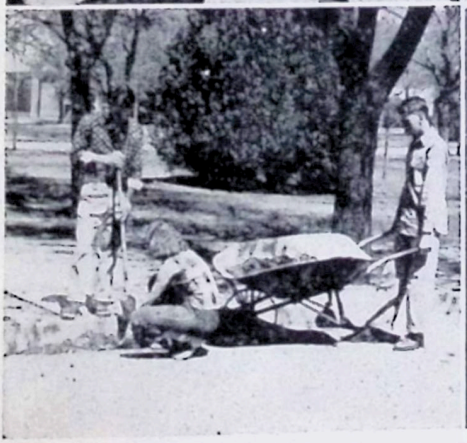

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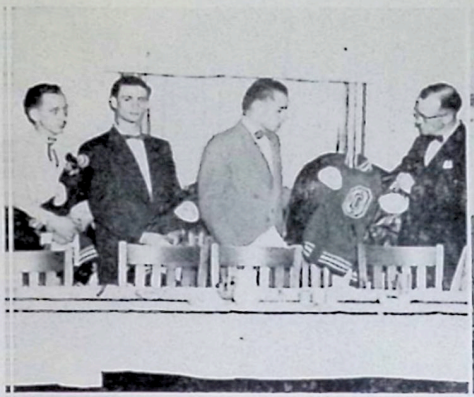

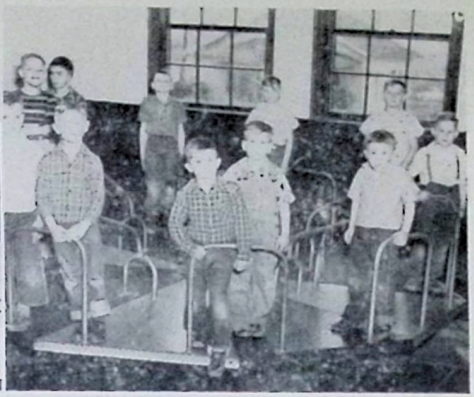

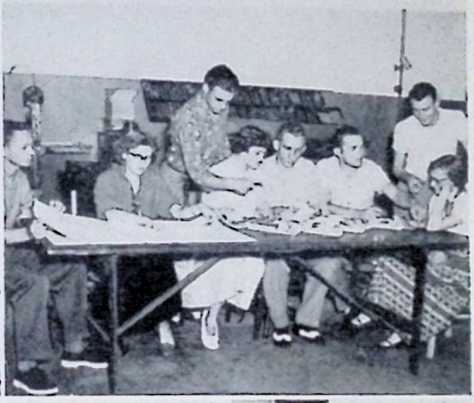

WELCOME
TO
OKLAHOMA
ARKANSAS
YOU

The Class of 1953 pleading with their "bread and butter"
Coleman and Hill look on—headed for Gallaudet College